What is claimed is:

Subject 5

An apparatus for selecting an item from a predetermined set of items, the apparatus comprising:

a user interface comprising an input having a plurality of actuators, and an output;

control means for controlling the user interface to provide a first menu selection comprising a plurality of items not exceeding the number of actuators; and

selection means responsive to operation of the actuators for selecting the item from the menu associated with the operated actuator;

wherein the control means controls the user interface to provide a further menu selection in response to selection of an item, at least one item of the further menu selection representing a subset of the selected item.

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- 2. An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the input comprises key means.
- 3. An apparatus as claimed in daim 2, wherein plurality of actuators of the 20 key means are keys.
 - 4. An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the input comprises a multipositional device.
- 25 5. An apparatus as claimed in claim the input is a multipositional device.
 - 6. An apparatus as claimed in claim 4, wherein the multipositional device is a joystick.

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7. An apparatus as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the further menu selection comprises a plurality of items not exceeding the number of actuators.

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- 8. An apparatus\as claimed in claim 7, wherein the further menu selection comprises less items than the number of actuators.
- 9. An apparatus as claimed in claim 8, wherein the control means controls the user interface such that the actuator operated has no item associated with it in the further menu selection.
- An apparatus substantially as hareinbefore described with reference to, 10. and/or as illustrated in, any orle for any combination of the accompanying drawings.

41. A method for\controlling a user interface to select an item from a predetermined set of items, the user interface comprising an input having a plurality of actuators, and an output; the method comprising:

controlling the user interface to provide a first menu selection comprising a plurality of items not exceeding the number of actuators;

in response to operation of the actuators, selecting the item from the menu associated with the operated actuator;

controlling the user interface to provide a further menu selection in response to selection of an Item, at least one item of the further menu selection representing a subset of the selected item.

- 12. A method as claimed in claim\11, wherein the further menu selection comprises a plurality of items not exceleding the number of actuators.
- 30 13. A method as claimed in claim 12), wherein the further menu selection comprises less items than the number of actuators.

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- 14. A method as claimed in claim 13, wherein controlling the user interface such that the actuator operated has no item associated with it in the further menu selection.
- 5 15. A method for controlling a user interface to select an item from a predetermined set of items, the user interface comprising an input having a plurality of actuators, and an output, the method substantially as hereinbefore described with reference to and/or as illustrated in, any one or any combination of the accompanying drawings.

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